

Minutes

Special Bar Harbor Town Council Meeting

March 25, 2008

- I. CALL TO ORDER - 7:00 P.M.** – In attendance were Councilors: Ruth Eveland, Robert Garland, Paul Paradis, Ken Smith, Julia Schloss, Greg Veilleux, Robert Jordan, Jr.; and Town Manager Dana Reed.

Also in attendance were Warrant Committee members: Chair Mike Gurtler, Vice-Chair David Lind, Secretary Linda Martin, Millard Dority, Roger Samuel, Scott Hammond, Michael Blythe, Amanda Kendall, Brent Walton, Debbie Rechholtz, Gary Friedmann, Susan Richardson, Joe Cough, Clark Stivers, Barbara Baron-Gifford, Karen Brown, John Kelly; James Kitler and Cas Dowden arrived late.

- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** – Mr. Paradis, with second by Mr. Veilleux, moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

- III. FY09 BUDGET PREPARATION:** - *Meeting with the Warrant Committee to resolve any differences or proposals.*

- A. Budget Adjustments** – Upon review of the Warrant Committee's list of adjustments, much discussion centered on an additional \$10,000 for Public Works to fund an energy audit. Following much discussion, Mr. Paradis with second by Mr. Smith, moved to direct the Town Manager to make the adjustments to the FY09 Budget adopted by the Town Council presented in the Budget Adjustments by the Warrant Committee dated March 25, 2008 with the exception of deleting the \$10,000 general fund expense: Public Works Dept. – Hire an energy audit consultant. Motion failed 5-2 (Nay: Ms. Eveland, Mr. Garland, Ms. Schloss, Mr. Veilleux, Mr. Jordan). Discussion continued between the Council and Warrant Committee members. Mr. Veilleux, with second by Mr. Jordan, moved to direct the Town Manager to make the adjustments to the FY09 Budget adopted by the Town Council presented in the Budget Adjustments by the Warrant Committee dated March 25, 2008. Motion passed 6-1 (Nay: Mr. Smith).
- B. Solid Waste** – *Discussion of options for reducing solid waste expenses.* – Warrant Committee member Amanda Kendall suggested it might be a time for the Town to revisit the option to the "pay as you throw". Following much discussion, Ms. Schloss, with second by Mr. Jordan, moved to

request the Conservation Commission to look further into the pay per bag concept. Motion passed 4-3 (Nay: Ms. Eveland, Mr. Smith, Mr. Paradis).

- C. Code Enforcement** – *Recommendation to purchase a fuel efficient vehicle for the code officer.* – Warrant Committee member David Lind suggest when replacing the Code Enforcement vehicle, the Town consider looking at ‘green’, not necessarily hybrid but something with fuel efficiency and less carbon emissions. Much discussion ensued. The Town will continue to look at the dollar value and efficiency when considering such purchases.

- IV. ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Schloss, with second by Mr. Jordan, moved to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Paul Paradis, Secretary